



## Dorotha Barratt-Knecht

April 7, 1925 - September 8, 2011

Dorotha Barratt-Knecht, longtime Oregon State University booster and co-founder of the Assistance League of Corvallis, died of natural causes Sept. 8, 2011, in Corvallis.

Dorotha was born April 7, 1925, in Heppner. She was the daughter of David Wilson, a mercantile owner, and Lucille Elder. She lettered in tennis four years at Heppner High School, and then continued her education at University of Oregon, graduating with a Bachelor of Science and nursing degree in 1947. She married her high-school sweetheart, James Barratt Jr., on June 16, 1946. The two were married for more than 50 years, until his death in 1998. They spent 25 years involved in OSU while Jim worked in the athletic department. Together they supported countless student athletes through their involvement in OSU and their establishment of a scholarship fund for athletics.

Dorotha and Jim enjoyed traveling all over the world while being managing partners of Away Travel and owners of Jim Barratt Tours for nine years. Dorotha married Ed Knecht in 1999. They shared enthusiasm for OSU athletics. Dorotha valued and enjoyed all sports, and was an avid tennis player and golfer. Her time was spent with the Red Hat Society, the Assistance League, Birthday Girl clubs and bridge club marathons. She loved the outdoors.

She was most proud of her role as a mother, finding it important to give her children love and care. She valued happiness in relationships, her professional accomplishments, and providing for others.

Her family includes husband Edward Knecht; daughters Brenda Kerber and Janet King; grandchildren Shannon Altenhofen, Ali Cammelletti, David Kerber and Katy Curtis; and great-grandchild Emma Altenhofen.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jim and Dorothea Barratt Scholarship Fund in care of the OSU Foundation, 850 S.W. 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333.